SI.No.	State/UT	**DOM** Districts
14.	Madhya Pradesh	26
15.	Maharashtra	28
16.	Manipur	1
17.	Meghalaya	2
18.	Mizoram	-
19.	Nagaland	-
20.	New Delhi	-
21.	Orissa	22
22.	Punjab	14
23.	Rajasthan	22
24.	Sikkim	1
25.	Tamil Nadu	22
26.	Tripura	1
27.	Uttar Pradesh	44
28.	Uttaranchal	6
29.	West Bengal	14
30.	Pondicherry	1
31.	Lakshadeep	-
32.	Daman & Diu	-
33.	Dadar & Nagar Haveli	-
34.	Chandigarh	-
35.	Andaman & Nicobar	-
	All INDIA:	359

Single regulator for pension and insurance sector

1976. SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are seriously considering of having a single regulator for both pension and insurance;

(b) whether Government are also considering making IRDA as a watch dog for pension sector as well; and

(c) if so, the reasons behind the move?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Fiscal deficit

1977. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that while during 1990s the fiscal deficit of States was below 3 per cent of GDP, but it has shot up to almost 5 per cent by 1999-2000 and revenue deficit was less than 30 per cent in early 1990, but it reached a shocking figure of 60 per cent by the end of that decade;

(b) if so, the reason for this abnormal increase in revenue deficit; and

(c) whether Government have initiated any specific steps or RBI has issued any guidelines to State Governments on reduction in revenue deficit?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) While the Gross Fiscal Deficit of State Governments increased from 3.3% of GDP in 1990-91 to 4.7% in 1999-00, revenue deficit as a proportion of fiscal deficit increased from 28.3% to 58.8% during this period.

(b) Slow growth in revenue receipts of the State Governments to meet faster growing committed expenditure like salaries, interest and pensions, inadequate user charges and poor returns on their investments have been the main reasons for widening of the revenue deficit.

(c) In order to supplement the efforts of the State Governments towards fiscal consolidation, Government of India has created "States' Fiscal Reforms Facility (2000-01 to 2004-05)", in accordance with the recommendation of the Eleventh Finance Commission. The Scheme incentivises States to undertake fiscal reforms programme in the medium